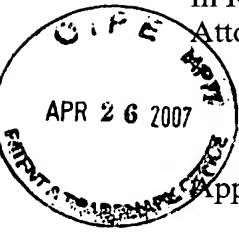


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the period for reply until April 29, 2007, along with the requisite fee is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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